

Microbiology and Immunology

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Overview:	<p>This major provides students with a detailed understanding of Microbiology and Immunology. It combines the study of infectious microbial agents, predominantly bacteria and viruses, with the study of the host's immune responses, which are most often beneficial but sometimes detrimental to the host. It describes how these disciplines are studied and their application to a range of areas in the biomedical sciences. The major opens up careers in infectious disease, diagnostics, molecular biology, biotechnology, vaccinology, antimicrobial chemotherapeutics, biosafety and regulation, as well as post-graduate research into infectious agents, their genes and mechanisms of disease together with the various beneficial and harmful aspects of the immune system. It provides a basis for further study into medicine and other paramedical disciplines.</p> <p>Students intending to undertake this major should be aware that it requires successful completion of a practical-based subject in which products and reagents derived from animals are used.</p>			
Learning Outcomes:	<p>On completion of this major, students should be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # describe the diverse range bacteria and viruses, and the ways in which they interact with their hosts, the environment and each other # explain the molecular basis of the ability of various microbial agents to cause disease, together with strategies to interrupt this process, including the development of new antibiotics and other agents # explain the fundamental concepts of bacterial cell division, cell growth and the transfer of molecules and signals across the cell membrane # describe the way in which the immune system responds to defend the body against agents of infection # explain the molecular and cellular responses elicited by vaccination # describe the principles and procedures involved in the identification and characterisation of bacteria and viruses # describe the use of molecular techniques to identify and characterise determinants associated with infectious disease # select and apply practical and/or theoretical techniques or tools in order to conduct an investigation # critically analyse and evaluate scientific data from a range of sources to form evidence-based conclusions # effectively communicate scientific ideas and findings effectively in both oral and written form # demonstrate safe scientific work practices 			
Structure & Available Subjects:	<p>There are two specialisations within the Microbiology and Immunology major.</p> <p>Both specialisations contain the following two core subjects: MIIM30011 Medical Microbiology: Bacteriology MIIM30014 Medical Microbiology: Virology</p>			
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Notes:	<p>This major is available to new generation Bachelor of Science students (BSc) and Bachelor of Biomedicine (BBiomed) students. It is also available to Bachelor of Science students who commenced prior to 2008. The published structure of this major includes subjects available in the current year. Pre-2008 Bachelor of Science students who completed one or more Level 3</p>			

	science subjects towards this major prior to 2010 should contact the Science Student Centre for advice on appropriate subjects to complete this major.
Related Course(s):	Bachelor of Biomedicine Bachelor of Science